

How to be a successful distance learner

Useful websites for
developing study skills

Taking the Test

Many leading companies have dramatically expanded their alliance activities with competitors in the past few years. This trend is particularly prominent in consolidating global industries such as airlines, telecoms, automobiles and chemicals, but also in rapidly expanding internet-related industries featuring players like Cisco, Microsoft and AOL. But there are two very different kinds of alliances in use. One might be called a flirtation - a low commitment, shallow alliance that has not had a lot of resources devoted to it, and can be broken on short notice. As an example, think of the current airline alliances, which seem to feature new partners every month. At the other end of the spectrum are much deeper alliances involving higher levels of financial and managerial commitment by the partners. General Motors is currently building

Strategic Alliances with Competitors by IMD Professor Peter Killing
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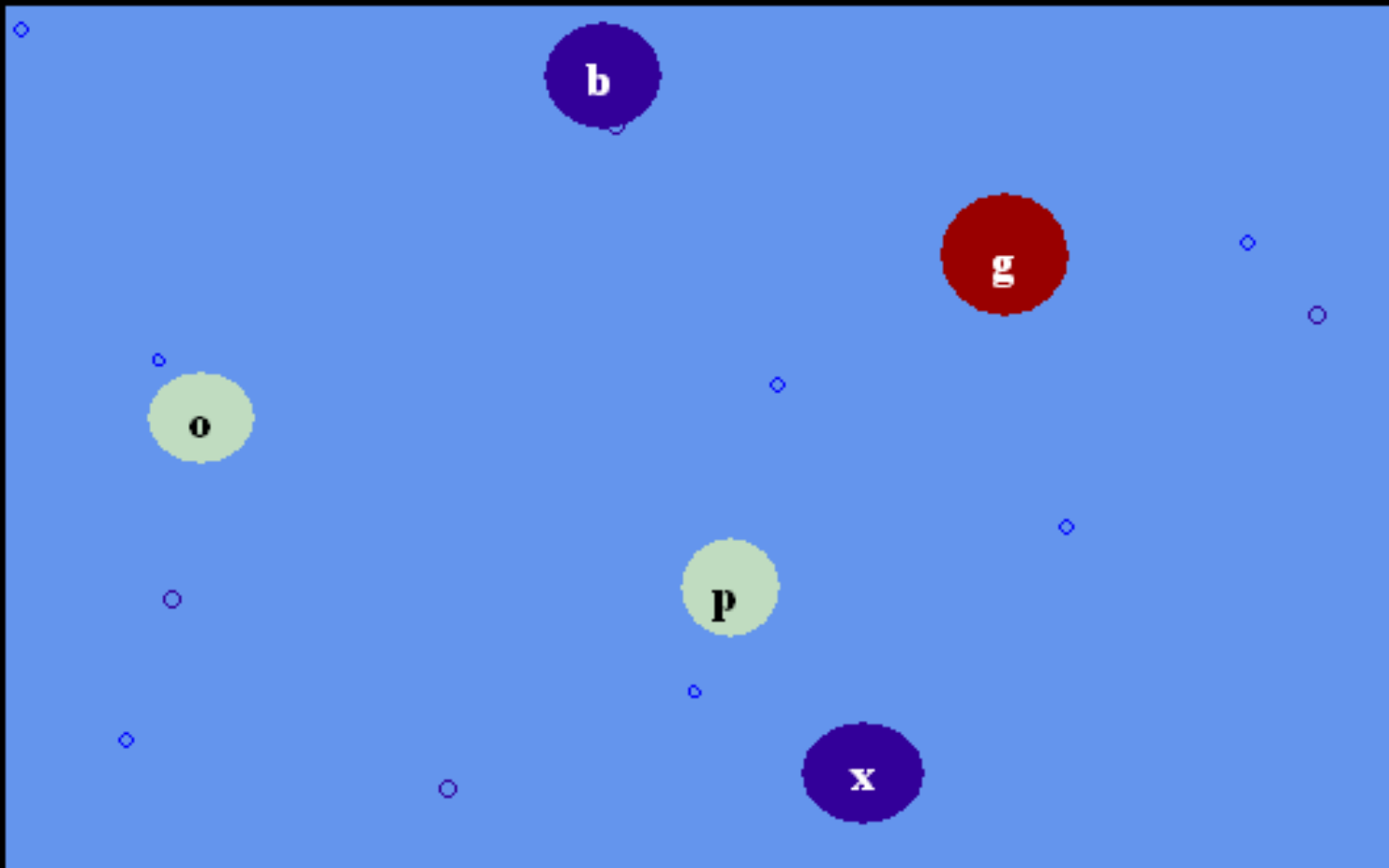
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Study Skills Self-help Information

Online Study Skills Workshops

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ACTIVITY

Read the 12 words on this page and then go to the next page.



Glass



Fall



Speaker



Ready



Basket



Frame



College



Shoes



Medium



Spoil



Hello



Final



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VOCABULARY: AN ON-GOING PROCESS

Some suggestions which may help you:

Read. the more you read, the more words you will come in contact with.

Use new found vocabulary in your everyday communication (writing, speaking).

Become familiar with the glossary of your textbooks.

Become familiar with the dictionary. Understand the pronunciation keys as well as why there are multiple meanings for words.

Try to learn 5 new words a day. If you know these words - use them in your communication process. Without using these new words, it is a waste of your time.

Read. Read books from fields other than your major. Read books which interest you and concentrate while you read.

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A.Word.A.Day--rapparee



This week's theme: yours to discover.

rapparee (rap-uh-REE) noun

1. An Irish guerrilla fighter in the late seventeenth century.
2. Any freebooter or robber.

[From Irish rapaire/ropaire (half-pike), since rapparees were known to carry these.]

-Anu Garg (gargATwordsmith.org)

"The bloody man, the more than Hun, the sottish rapparee, he will not die." Patrick O'Brian; Master and Commander; W.W. Norton; 2003.



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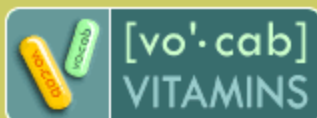
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Collected Pointers for Fumblers of the English Language

- Adjectives and Adverbs
Subject-Verb Agreement
Who and Whom
Pronouns
Effect vs Affect
Run-On Sentences
Comma
Parallel Structures
Tense Sequence

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Test Prep Tools

- [GRE Vocabulary Preparation](#)
(More to come!)

● [Grammar Online](#)

- [Guide to Grammar and Writing](#)

- [The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation](#)

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We have a selection of real world reference materials that just might belong on your desktop. Not your computer desktop. The broad, horizontal one underneath your monitor. We're talking paper here, with printed words!

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General Listening Quizzes

Study Self-Study Guide: View Listening Activities by Topic

Easy

Answering Machine
 A Day at School
 Apartments for Rent
 Business Communications
 College Life
 Daily Schedule
 DVD Movie Rentals
 A Fun Day
 Getting Around Tokyo
 Happy Birthday!
 Heavenly Pies Restaurant
 Family Activities
 Family Relationships
 Hamburger Restaurant
 Hotel Reservations
 Immigration and Customs
 Lost in the Crowd
 Nice to Meet You
 Party Time!
 Phone Message
 Picnic Preparations
 Reading Time
 Rental Shop (Version B)
 Shopping for the Day
 Sightseeing in Town
 Snack Time
 Spending Money
 Telephone Recording
 Tell me about yourself
 Train Tickets
 Travel Arrangements

Medium

A Student Credit Card
 AdSense: Making Money
 A Doctor's Appointment
 A Story to Remember
 American Slang
 Camping Under the Stars
 Car Rental
 Christmas is Coming!
 Dinner Time
 Emergency Call
 Easy Pet Care
 Exercise Program
 First Date
 English Language Center
 Good Old Blues
 Haven't We Met Before?
 Holiday Traditions
 Japanese Public Bath
 Just a Haircut, Please!
 Meeting Singles
 Personal Security
 Pizza Delivery
 Radio Advertising
 Saturday's Chores
 Show Times
 Snacks and Candy **New**
 So, what's the matter?
 Taped Library Tour
 Taxi Ride (Medium)
 Traffic Ticket
 Utah Travel Ad

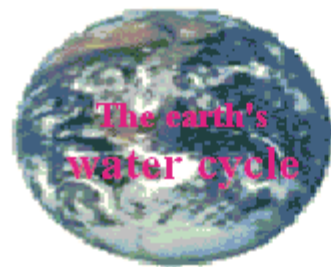
Difficult

A Free Cell Phone!
 Lawsuit Financing
 A Battle Against Cancer
 ABCs of Money Matters
 A Healthy Lifestyle
 Back to School Supplies
 Car Repairs
 Dating Woes
 Driving Road Test
 Enjoying the Zoo
 First Mountain Bank
 Friday Night Mishaps
 Friendly Dental Care
 Home Repairs
 Hotel Check-In
 Housing Complaints
 It's a Home Run!
 Movie Review
 Personal Problems
 Professional Babysitting
 Radio Commercial
 Refinancing Mortgage Loans
 Rental Shop (Version A)
 School Report
 Store Returns
 Street Market
 Summer Camp
 Taxi Ride (Difficult)
 Telemarketing
 The Ideal Woman
 Trivia Game Show

Think in terms of key words or symbols
that represent ideas and words.

You will need:

- a pencil (you'll be erasing!) and a blank (non-lined) big piece of paper
- a blackboard and (colored) chalk
- "post-it" notes



Write down the most important word

or short phrase

or symbol for the center.
Think about it, circle it.

Post other important concepts and their words outside the circle



Edit this first phase

Think about the relation of outside items to the center item

Erase, edit, and/or shorten words to key ideas

Relocate important items closer to each other for better organization

If possible, use color to organize information

Link concepts with words to clarify their relationships



Continue working outward

Freely and quickly add other key words and ideas (you can always erase!)

Think weird: combine concepts to expand your map or, break boundaries

Develop in directions the topic takes you--not limited by how you are doing the map

As you expand your map, tend to become more specific or detailed

Set the map aside

Later, continue development and revision

Stop and think about relationships you are developing

Set the map aside

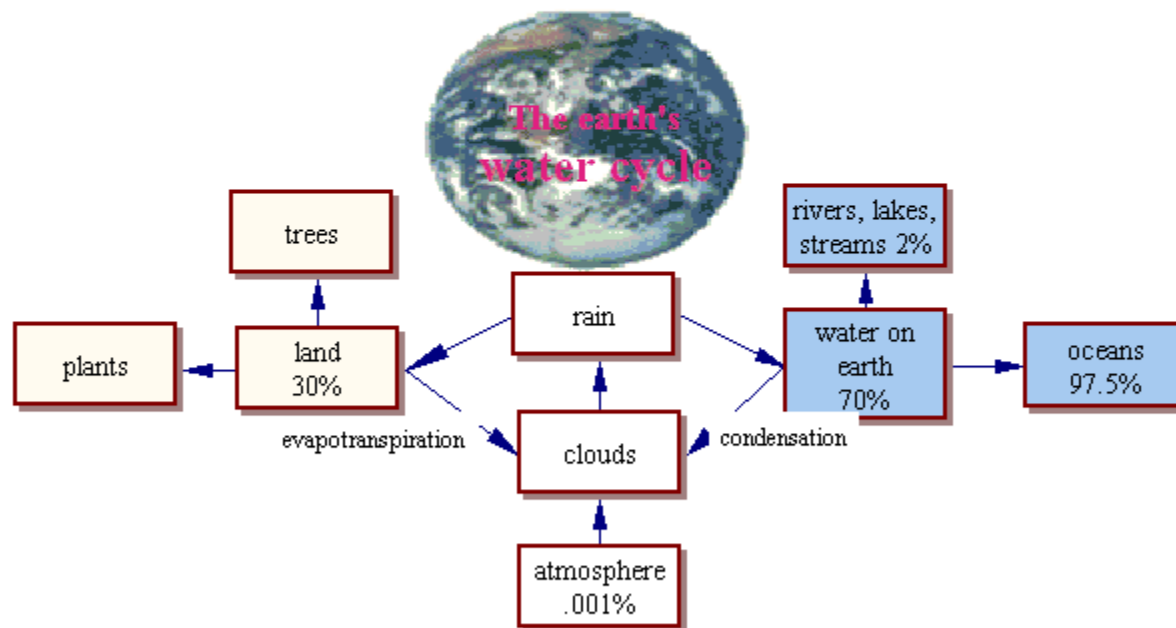
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Expand the map over time (right up to an exam if necessary!)

This map is your personal learning document

It combines what you knew with what you are learning
and what you may need to complete your "picture"



Note the descriptive links for the arrows
for "evapotranspiration" and "condensation"

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- Typing/keyboard skills - www.typingtest.com
- Self study skills -
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- Vocabulary development
 - Word a day - wordsmith.org/awad/index.html
 - And more - www.vocabvitamins.com/
- Listening skills - www.esl-lab.com/index.htm
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